

Traces of Armenian heritage are evident in the United States and worldwide. Throughout the United States, and in my state of Virginia, there are multiple monuments, towns, and mountains celebrating Armenian heritage. One of Virginia's own search and rescue teams aided the Armenian people during the unfortunate earthquake of 1988.

The close bonds between Armenia and the United States are constantly being strengthened. I am confident that the people of Armenia and America will flourish together in the spirit of freedom and democracy.

COMMENDING DELTA AIRLINES

HON. CYNTHIA A. MCKINNEY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2001

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my admiration to a Good Corporate Citizen. I would like to call attention to the thoughtful actions being performed by Delta Airlines in response to the attacks of September 11, 2001.

The airline industry in this country has suffered a catastrophe with the events of September 11, along with the rest of the country. However the tragedy was not a license to treat people poorly. Other airlines ejected passengers from their seats because fellow passengers were scared to fly with people of Middle Eastern descent. While others committed vicious acts like these, Delta took another road and sent out a memo from the president Fred Reid saying: "Delta has an uncompromising policy never to discriminate against customers on the basis of race, gender, age, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, or similar classifications. The law mandates this policy—discrimination is not only illegal, it is wrong and will not be tolerated".

If only the rest of this nation's airline carriers could follow Delta's lead.

Instead other airline carriers ignored the law and punished innocent people just trying to fly during a difficult time. But what do you expect from airlines that blindly cut jobs and not executive salaries?

I stand today to commend Delta for the careful cost cutting measures it has taken to preserve jobs and morale as the airlines weather these uncertain times. Delta has put the needs of their workers first. No employee at Delta will be left out in the cold this winter. You can tell a lot about a corporation by the way they act when the going gets tough.

Finally I want to commend Delta for providing complimentary tickets to New York City on behalf of volunteer relief workers who are giving so much to the recovery effort. Delta has been a true Corporate Good Citizen and on behalf of a grateful nation we thank you!

HONORING ROBERTA BARR

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2001

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize a person

who truly understands the importance of education. Roberta Barr has spent a majority of her life dedicated to helping others and ensuring that all who cross her path receive only the best education possible. Even after retiring from her formal role as an educator, she has continued in her quest and has remained diligent to helping others.

Roberta Barr, now 87, grew up in La Plata County, Colorado. She graduated from Durango High School in 1931 and went on to receive her teaching certificate from Fort Lewis College. From 1933 to 1979 Roberta taught at many different local schools and was appointed Principal of Mason Elementary School in 1962. Roberta returned to school earning a Master's Degree at Western State. She has been retired from teaching for the last 22 years, but continues to contribute to educating others in her community.

Roberta and her husband Robert never had any children of their own, so after her husband passed away she established the Robert and Roberta Armstrong Barr Foundation. This foundation has been set up to provide up to ten thousand dollars in scholarships each year to students from the State of Colorado who attend Fort Lewis College or Western College and plan to become teachers. The foundation provides financial assistance to future educators and is designed so that the funds do not diminish, even after Roberta is gone.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have this opportunity to recognize Roberta Barr for the significant contributions that she has made to educating her community. She has spent her life teaching others and through her foundation will now be able to continue her life's ambition indefinitely. Her selfless dedication certainly deserves the praise and admiration of this body.

POEM BY AMY FARLEY

HON. JIM DeMINT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2001

Mr. DEMINT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention a poem written by one of my constituents, Amy Farley. Amy is one of the many youth in our nation who are struggling to deal with the tragedy surrounding the September 11 attacks. As the children of today are our nation's brightest hope for the future, we should reach out to console them and encourage them to express themselves as they cope with these unfamiliar times. I would like to commend Amy and her effort to honor and remember the events of September 11, 2001 by highlighting the poem she submitted to Mauldin High School:

A POEM OF TRIBUTE . . . AND WARNING
(By Amy Farley, Age 16, Junior at Mauldin High School)

For the mothers, fathers, sisters, and brothers,
For the colleagues, friends, children, and lovers,
For the three brave men of flight 93,
For the 200 fighters under Trade Center debris.
For Father Michael, the FDNY chaplain
For the thousands who will never see our flag again

For the students who ran, their lives in danger
For our president who acts with quiet anger
For astronauts who see dust and fire from space
For each battered, broken, and bloody face
For the Muslims who have been beaten by racists
For the FBI, as they search for the terrorists
For all of America as they watch in horror,
For Britain, as she watches her crippled daughter
For France, as they stand in a moment of silence
For the UN, who condemns such acts of violence
For Iraqis, who have never known freedom
For the Afghanistans, trusting the men that lead them
For the women there who live in fright,
For the young men coerced by bin Laden to fight
For the Pentagon, once thought impenetrable
For those trapped in crevices rendered unreachable
For the thousands of innocents maimed or killed,
For the pain and suffering New Yorkers feel
For the rescuers, convinced that hell's not this bad,
For the children at home without moms and dads
For the people who have to clean up the mess,
For the volunteers who do just as much for less
For those so hurt that they can't see the light
For the tables with empty seats tonight,
For those who eventually have to go back
For those who saw the sky turn black.
For all the world, because we've all been affected
Because of the attack that could not be deflected
We pray for you all, and hold you near
As our hearts ache and our eyes tear
Because of a few violent people out there
Who just by chance caught the US unaware
The whole world has been turned upside down
And now, nothing seems it will ever be sound
So hear this, world, countrymen and foes
America will not be disrupted by those
Who attack viciously in the broad daylight
We will not surrender this terrible fight
We will punish who did these heinous crimes
We will scrape together our nickels and dimes
So know that we will stand together,
With liberty and justice for all . . . FOREVER.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2001

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, October 12, 2001 it was unavoidable that I missed two roll call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: Roll Call 385—Motion to Recommit H.R. 2975, the anti-terrorism initiative—Yes. Roll Call 386—Passage of H.R. 2975, the anti-terrorism initiative.—No.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BECKY
SMITH

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to acknowledge an extraordinary individual who resides in Colorado's Third Congressional District. Becky Smith, who will be stepping down from the Board of Education in the Bayfield School District, has dedicated her life to education in her commu-

nity. It is my privilege to have the opportunity to thank her for twelve years of exceptional service.

Ms. Smith has made considerable efforts to support education and children's athletics both inside and outside of the classroom. She is a computer teacher in a neighboring school district and volunteers for numerous school related activities while teaching quilting and sewing classes in her free time. During her tenure on the Board of Education, Becky has held several positions and accomplished many initiatives. As President, Vice-President and Director of the Board, she has helped in acquiring funding for a new elementary school addi-

tion, renovating the middle school, building a new high school which included a new athletic facility for the students and surrounding community. Becky is a role model for others who will succeed her on the Board of Education.

Mr. Speaker, Becky Smith has been a true asset to the Bayfield Board of Education. Her contributions to education in her community and her selflessness deeds will not be forgotten. The Bayfield School District and the surrounding communities are grateful for the guidance and leadership that she has displayed. I would like to thank Becky and wish her the all the best in her future endeavors.